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SUBJECT: ZAMBIAN COMPLAINT IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL AGAINST
SOUTH AFRICA - LIBERIAN REACTION TO U.S. ABSTENTION

1. I CALLED ON FOREIGN MINISTER DENNIS THIS MORNING TO EXPLAIN
U.S. ABSTENTION ON SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING SOUTH
AFRICA, COVERING POINTS CONTAINED REFTEL. DENNIS SAID THAT
WHILE HE UNDERSTOOD US POSITION PERSONALLY, HE FELT THAT MOST
AFRICAN COUNTRIES WOULD SEE US ACTION AS FALLBACK TO SUPPORT
OF SOUTHERN RACIST REGIMES. HE INDICATED SURPRISE THAT US
TOOK ITS POSITION IN SPITE OF SUPPORT FOR RESOLUTION ON THE
PART OF AMERICA'S CLOSEST ALLIES - UK AND FRANCE. I REITERATED
OUR POSITION THAT WE DID NOT WANT ANY ACTION TAKEN THAT WOULD
JEOPARDIZE A LASTING SOLUTION SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUES.

2. DENNIS SAID THAT HE MOST CONCERNED BY LIBERIAN POSITION OF
CALLING FOR A FACT FINDING MISSION TO INVESTIGATE ZAMBIAN
ALLEGATIONS. HE SAID THAT GOL REPRESENTATIVE HAD ACTED WITHOUT
PRIOR CONSULTATION WITH HIM, AND SAID THAT HE WAS GOING TO
DEMAND AN EXPLANATION. HE SAID THAT IT WAS THE APPEARANCE OF
LIBERIA LINING UP IN SUPPORT OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN POSITION

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